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RESTRUCTURE OF POSTAL NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to engage global consultants KPMG to prepare a report on restructuring the postal network across the country;

(b) if so, details of the mandate given to KPMG;

(c) whether following the restructuring the prices of postal products are likely to go up; and

(d) if so, the extent to which this restructuring of postal network will be beneficial to the poeple?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): A System Study of Department of Posts is being undertaken by engaging M/s KPMG, to identify the options available for the postal system to compete in a commercial environment while continuing to fulfill its Universal Service Obligation (USO) of providing greater access to basic Postal Services to the citizens of the country. The study is undertaken in consonance with the policy directives in the Tenth Plan, which, inter-alia, require that the Department of Posts should attain financial self sufficiency by the end of Plan period, and prices of non USO services which should be fixed on commercial basis. The study is in progress.